Peer Review Plan

Topic of Review: Wildland Fire Suppression Costs [X] **Influential Scientific Information**

Agency: USDA Forest Service [ ] **Highly Influential Scientific Assessment**

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Subject of Review: **Donovan, Geoffrey H., Jeffrey Prestemon, and Krista Gebert. "The effect of newspaper coverage and political pressure on wildfire suppression costs." *Society and Natural Resources* In press. Publication date, August 2011, online 3 months prior.**

Purpose of Report: Evaluate source of high costs of wildland fire suppression. This publication basically says that based on historic data fire suppression costs are higher in areas with large media markets or long serving members of the US House of Representatives. It will be coming out on line at the start of fire season next year and in press at the height of fire season.

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [ ] Individual Reviewers
[X] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain): Blind review by scientific journal

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: June 2009 End: Oct 2009 Completed: Oct 2009

Number of Reviewers: [X] 3 or fewer [ ] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Provided by journal

Reviewers selected by: [ ] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name: Society and Natural Resources

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How:
When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Other: